

# Opening Worship

Welcome

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Opening Prayer

Announcements for the Day

Scripture: Matthew 18:20

Closing Song

# Closing Worship

## A Time of Welcome

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Leader: From communities small and large,

**People: We gather together.**

Leader: Bringing our joys, our griefs, our successes, our mistakes,

**People: We join in one Spirit.**

Leader: Caring for others, sharing our love,

**People: Jesus is in our midst.**

Leader: Daring in this moment to live Your promise:

**People: God is with us.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of promise, God of peace:**

**We take time this day**

**To join together in worship.**

**Allow Your presence to flow**

**Among us, in us and through us.**

**Connect us more deeply with each other;**

**Connect us more deeply with You.**

**We pray together in Jesus' name,**

**Amen.**

## **A Time of Lament**

Scripture: Psalm 42: 1-3

Remembrance

Those who have passed in our congregations  
Ministers in our region who have passed  
Congregations who have ended their visible ministry  
Losses in the season of COVID

Prayer

Song: Give Me Jesus, *Joshua Patty*

## **A Time of Celebration**

Scripture: Psalm 42:4

Celebration

Regional Leaders/Groups

Congregational Milestones  
New Churches and New Ministers  
Ministry in All Congregations and Contexts

Prayer

Offering Meditation

Song (Offering Collected)

Prayer of Dedication

## **A Time to Look Ahead**

Scripture: Psalm 42:5-6a

Words from our Regional Minister

Sabbatical Commissioning

Tiff, will you embrace and live into this season of sabbatical? Will you let others focus on the challenges and joys of caring for this Holy Ground and those who gather here? Will you trust others to nurture and care for the people in our region? Will you pray for us and allow us to pray for you?

I will, with God's help.

Christians of the Upper Midwest, will you embrace and live into this season of sabbatical? Will you honor Tiff by not contacting her or

expecting her attention in these months? Will you honor those who will carry on the vital work of our region's ministry and the Christian Conference Center? Will you pray for Tiff and will you allow Tiff to pray for you?

**We will, with God's help.**

Let us join together in prayer:

**As Disciples Together, we proclaim our love for God and for one another.**

**As Disciples Together, we send our love with our Associate Regional Minister on her journey of faith.**

**As Disciples Together, we know that time and distance do not separate us from love for one another in Christ.**

**As Disciples Together, we pray that you will bless Tiff and our region during this sabbatical season, that we all may grow in faith.**

**Empowered by and connected in the Holy Spirit, we ask this in the name of Christ, Amen.**

Song

### **A Time to Gather Together**

Scriptures: Psalm 42:7-8 and Matthew 18:20

Invitation to Communion/Communion Medication

Words of Institution

Prayer

Song (Sharing Communion)

### **A Time to Go Out**

Scripture: Psalm 42:11

Benediction/Commissioning

Closing Song